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LYDD GEORGE TO DECIDE VERY SOON

Likely Announcement Tomorrow or Wednesday.

Varying Views of Situation in British Political Crisis—Reported Younger is Sorry for Speeches and Supports Coalition.

(Canadian Press Cable) London, Mar. 6.—Within twenty-four or at most forty-eight hours, the world will know definitely whether Premier Lloyd George has decided to resign or continue as chief of the coalition government. This is the only substantial conviction emerging from a tangle of contradictory rumors in the crisis which engrossed political observers over Saturday and Sunday.

Experts this morning were diametrically opposed in their opinion as to how the crisis stands as a result of week-end conferences. Some declare that the outlook for a continuance of the coalition is improving and encourages belief that the premier will not resign.

Others declare all signs point to his retirement and that Liberal colleagues in his ministry will go with him. Some are content to refrain from committing themselves to any opinion whether the result will be a smash-up or a patch-up. Even if the premier stays, nobody believes that the coalition can last much longer though it may be prolonged until Irish legislation and the Genoa conference are out of the way. It is generally credited in certain quarters that nothing will be definitely announced until the speech of Sir Arthur Balfour on Tuesday. It is declared that the premier's interest in Sir Arthur's utterances would be a positive declaration as to the premier's decision.

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London, March 6.—A provincial paper has published a statement to the effect that Sir George Younger had expressed regret that his recent speeches had been interpreted as a challenge to the premier's authority, and declaring for a continuance of the coalition ministry until the general elections.

FINANCING NEW HOTEL FOR SYDNEY

Promoted by Thos. Cozzolino and to Cost \$280,500.

Sydney, N. S. March 6.—It is announced that the new Sydney Hotel, now being promoted by Thomas Cozzolino at a cost of \$280,500, is to have ninety-seven rooms, and will be an up-to-date fire-proof structure. The Dominion Steel Corporation, through D. H. MacDougall, has promised to subscribe \$100,000 stock under certain conditions, and a committee of business men is now busy raising \$130,000 of the amount locally.

The new hotel will occupy the site of the old Sydney, burned in April, 1919.

CLERGY IN ENGLAND TOO POOR TO MARRY

Anglican Primate Lets Light on Situation in Speech at Mansion House.

London, March 6.—The difficult financial position of the clergy which is represented as enforcing upon them the obligation to remain single, was the subject of a speech by the Archbishop of Canterbury at Mansion House. He declared that the clergy were relatively poorer now than ever before in the history of the church.

Lord Hugh Cecil said a great mass of the laity emphatically disliked a celibate clergy. Nothing commanded the respect of Englishmen like a picture of a good vicarage or rectory as the centre of church life, taking a lead in all good works of the parish.

REPORTED CUT IN THE CIVIL SERVICE BONUS PLANNED AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, March 6.—The Ottawa Citizen says it is learned, unofficially, but directly from a high source that the civil service bonus will be cut at the end of the present fiscal year by 25 per cent.

RESIGNS POSITION AS ANTI-RED PRESIDENT

Vladivostok, March 6.—M. Merkuloff resigned as president of the anti-Red government in Vladivostok, owing ill-health as a reason. Mayor Semif has been designated as acting president.

DE VALERA SPEAKING IN DUBLIN



The photo shows a small section of a huge crowd which gathered in O'Connell street to hear him speak against the Irish treaty. There was little enthusiasm. Note the new Irish flag on the platform.

CANADIAN CUSTOMS' RECOGNITION OF IRELAND AS SISTER DOMINION

Ottawa, Ont., March 6.—Official recognition of Ireland as a sister dominion in the British commonwealth of nations comes on April 1. Commissioner Farrow, of the department of customs and excise, has sent out a circular to all officials of his department stating: "Ireland will be designated separately on all entries of exports or imports to or from that country, commencing with April 1, 1922."

NO PICKETING AT HOPE MILLS

Authorities Out in Force—The Textile Strike Situation.

Providence, R. I., March 6.—Heavy forces of national guards, cavalry and coast artillerymen, together with deputy sheriffs and police, guarded the Hope Company's mill at Hope this morning in expectation that the strikers would carry out their plans of last Saturday and attempt to picket the plant with strikers from other mills in the Pawtucket valley, against the orders of the authorities.

A last minute change was made in the policy of the strikers, however, with the result that the expected test of the picketing regulations was not made. Officials of the amalgamated textile workers, in charge of the walkout in the district, were on hand when the mill reopened but they, as well as all strikers from other villages, were kept away from the vicinity of the mill. It was announced that Thomas E. Harrop, chairman of the general strike committee would have a conference with Governor Sanborn later in the day regarding the picketing rules.

Pawtucket, R. I., March 6.—Blackstone Valley mills closed for seven weeks were picketed by many persons today due to rumors of an attempt to resume work, but in every case, except at the Tannack, No. 1 mill here, conditions were unchanged. The Tannack mill, controlled by the Jencks Spinning Company, had been practically closed. This morning additional workers reported and the management announced that most of the departments were in operation. In Lonsdale, Ashton and Berkeley, where the mills are closed, the mills were picketed but no attempt was made to resume business.

NO CONTEST IN FREDERICTON

That is the Outlook in Civic Election—Daylight Saving—The Lavigne Fur Case.

(Special to The Times) Fredericton, N. B., March 6.—A full slate for the six vacancies in the Fredericton city council has been nominated. It is probable that the civic election on Monday next will pass without a contest.

The new men in the aldermanic field are: David W. Olts in Kings ward, and Gregory T. Feeney in Carleton ward. Daylight saving time will again be thrown back upon the city council if there is no contest in the election. The candidates who have been nominated are: For mayor—John A. Reid, re-nominated. For aldermen—Wellington ward, W. L. Jennings, re-nominated; St. Ann's ward, F. L. Cooper, re-nominated; Carleton ward, Gregory T. Feeney; Queens ward, Joseph Cain, re-nominated; Kings ward, David W. Olts.

Mr. Justice Crockett, in chambers this morning, heard argument on a replevin action taken in connection with the seizure of muskrat pelts to the value of some \$1,500 by Chief Game Warden L. A. Gagnon, after their arrival by C. N. R., consigned to Abe Lavigne. His honor decided that the furs, having been seized by the chief game warden, were in the custody of the law, and replevin did not lie in the case. He ordered the seizure by Sheriff Hawthorne under replevin set aside and the bond given by the chief game warden to hold the furs cancelled. Lavigne contends that the furs had been consigned to Mont Joli, Que., and were legally in transit. He will be prosecuted in the police court for alleged violation of the game act.

Saxonia and Cameronia at Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., March 6.—Thirteen and a half days from Southampton the Cunard liner Saxonia arrived here last night and docked this morning. She landed 108 passengers and sailed for New York this afternoon. The Cunard liner Cameronia arrived here this morning, nine days out from Southampton. She landed 209 passengers and quantity of mail.

As Hiram Sees It

"When that there Yankee professor gets tired 'o lookin' fer spooks in Nova Scotia," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "we'd like to hev him come out 'er camp fer a spell in Ghost Holler, in the Settlement." "Have things been happening out there lately?" asked the reporter. "Ever since long afore I was born," said Hiram, "thee's been noises an' ghosts an' things in that Holler. Lightwars, thee's always somebody kin hear or see 'em. Some folks is built that way. I mind one time two of us young fellers got another chap in bed one night an' we begun to tell ghost stories an' about groans an' chains rattlin' till we had hid our good-'n then another feller up in the attic started in with an old ox-chain an' a whinin' an' a whistlin' that fairly ris your hair. Well, sir, that young feller holler, an' come an' jumped into our bed—'n we hed to call the other feller down from the attic to keep him from goin' into fits. We never tried that kind o' trick agin'. But I guess thee's some folks that jest natchely see an' hears things because they're built that way. They can't help it—no, sir."

LATE NEWS IN WORLD OF SPORT

White Sox Lose Business Manager—Hockey Comment.

Chicago, March 6.—John Conahan, 62, business manager of the Chicago Americans, died at his home here late last night. He underwent an operation two weeks ago. Conahan joined the White Sox staff of assistants 22 years ago. He was born in Chicago.

New York, March 6.—All sixteen teams that started a six day bike race in the Madison Square Garden saucer last midnight were tied at 8 a. m. today. They had pedaled 176 miles and two laps. The record for the eighth hour is 169 miles and 9 laps made by Lawson and Drobach, in 1914.

At 110 Miles an Hour. Los Angeles, Cal., March 6.—Tommy Milton, winner of the 1921 national speedway championship under the American Automobile Association's contest rules, today was the possessor of 500 points towards the 1922 title and \$10,000 prize money, as the result of his victory in the 200 mile race at the Beverly Hills Speedway yesterday.

Milton, whisking his fast mount around the bowl for an average of 110 m. p. an hour, jumped into the lead in the first lap and held that position throughout with the exception of a few circuits during the middle of the race, when Ralph de Palma, famous Italian pilot, crept out in front. The veteran Italian went out of the competition in the 161st lap with a broken piston.

The next morning the friend of the slain man appeared with the baggage. The two women, overcome with horror at the crime, drowned themselves in a well.

TRAGEDY FOLLOWED ON A HOME COMING

Jugo-Slavian Returned to Wife and Children, Only to be Murdered.

Paris, March 6.—A story which makes the homecoming of Ench Arden seem like a tragic episode is reported from the village of Tikva, Jugo-Slavia. A resident of the village who went to America fifteen years ago to seek his fortune and had not been heard from since by his wife and children, appeared at the home of a friend last week. The man had several thousand dollars and eagerly announced his intention of leaving his baggage at the home of his friend, he presented himself at the house of his mother-in-law, where the family resided, and asked for a night's lodging.

No one recognized him and he appeared to enjoy the situation highly. Still hiding his identity, he gave presents to the children and proudly showed them the money he carried.

That night, after the household had retired, the mother-in-law found the man and children in the room. She was so shocked that she called the police. The man was shot dead and his wife and children were taken to a hospital.

The killing of Owen Hughes, who was shot while riding in a street car in the York street district on Saturday night, is described by the authorities as premeditated. According to witnesses, four men saw Hughes seated with his brother and questioned Owen about his religious convictions. They then promptly shot him dead and escaped without interference by panic stricken passengers.

WAS MORE THAN 50 YEARS MEMBER OF SALVATION ARMY

Ottawa, Ont., March 6.—Mrs. Martha Dudley, believed to be the oldest member of the Salvation Army in Canada, having belonged to the organization for more than half a century, died here yesterday morning at the age of eighty-four.

GERMAN STATES FORMING UNION

Dresden, Germany, March 6.—Three German states—Saxony, Brunswick and Thuringia—contemplate establishing a union to further their common interests without impairing their separate independence. They now have socialist governments.

A meeting of officials was held in Leipzig and it was decided to establish an office, jointly supported, to promote the common welfare. The office will have to do essentially with labor problems, but inquiry will be made of other German governments states for opinions as to the practicability of a comprehensive league of socialist states.

MONCTON GIRL FALLS TO DEATH

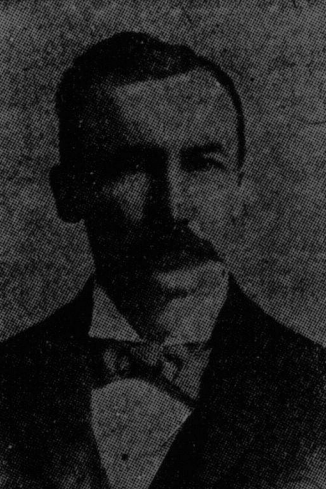
Moncton, N. B., March 6.—Mildred Steeves, aged nine years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Steeves of this city, died in the Moncton hospital this morning as the result of injuries sustained on Saturday evening when she fell from a second story verandah at her home while playfully throwing snowballs.

THE MINERS

Indianapolis, Ind., March 6.—Opposition of the United Mine Workers of America to the negotiation of single state wage agreements between union miners and coal operators, which was announced on Friday night by President John L. Lewis, was regarded by union officials here as leaving only a conference between the union and the operators of the entire central competitive fields as a possibility for averting the threatened strike on April 1. While the strike decision awaits the outcome of the referendum now being taken among the miners, officials here indicated they believed the miners would favor a suspension if no new wage agreement is made by April 1.

DOLLAR UP TO 3 New York, March 6.—Sterling exchange weak. Demand 489 1-8 Canadian dollars 3 per cent. discount.

SIR CLIFFORD SIFTON.



RICH IN GHOSTS AND ALSO FAKIRS

New York Doctor Recalls the Amherst Spook and Windsor Hoax.

Montréal, March 6.—A special despatch to the Gazette from New York quotes Dr. Hereward Carrington as saying Nova Scotia is one of the world's richest areas in ghosts, but also in fakirs and humorists.

Referring to the McDonald farm ghost, which is to be investigated by Dr. Franklin Prince, president of the Psychological Research Society of New York, Dr. Carrington said he thought it was a "poltergeist" or spirit that makes a lot of noise. Dr. Carrington recalled the famous Amherst ghost of fifty years ago, still unsolved but apparently "laid," and spoke of a Windsor ghost hoax which he had investigated. He labelled the Windsor ghost as the worst one in twenty years, after he discovered that some people in Windsor were in a conspiracy to delude an aged spiritualist judge by dropping potatoes and eggs on him from trees and windows and making other "manifestations."

Halifax, N. S., March 6.—In an interview today Dr. G. B. Cutten, president of Acadia University, said that in his opinion Dr. W. Frank Prince, can solve the mystery of the fires and other unaccounted happenings at the McDonald farm at Antigonish, N. S.

"When a spook that is aggressive enough to terrorize two countries pops up, it is worth an expert's while to go to Halifax and beyond to make his acquaintance," says the newspaper. "Dr. Prince is to spend a week in the haunted house of Antigonish. Bulletins from the front are eagerly awaited."

Several of the New York papers carry long specials on the ghost, several illustrated by photographic reproductions of the house and the members of the McDonald family.

FIGHT OVER WAGES ON U. S. ROADS

Shop Craft Unions Meet Reduction Demands by Request for Increase.

Chicago, March 6.—The six railroad shop craft unions, representing 600,000 employees, were the first group of railroad workers on the programme today at the opening of the fight over the present scale of wages between railroad labor and the nation's largest transportation before the U. S. railroad labor board.

Petitions asking for a ten per cent wage reduction have been placed before the board by 144 roads, while the shopmen have asked an increase of thirteen cents an hour over the present scale on eighty-five of these roads. Increases on more than the eighty-five roads were not asked, it was said, because of failure to get the employees' petitions in on time.

More than 175 roads have placed petitions for reductions before the board, while many groups of employees have adopted a method similar to that of the shopmen by making counter proposals for wage advances.

It was said that B. M. Jewell, president of the railway employees' department, American Federation of Labor representing the shopmen, would be prepared to ask postponement of the hearing on technical grounds and attempts to block the hearings were regarded as likely in railroad circles.

SCHOONER FREE ON \$10,000 BONDS IN A LIQUOR CASE

Saltbury, N. C., March 6.—Bonds of \$10,000 for the release of the Message of Peace, an alleged run-running British two-masted schooner taken into custody by prohibition officials of the North Carolina coast several months ago, have been approved by the prohibition director Kohloss and the ship will be taken back to the Bahamas Islands.

The trial of the Message of Peace and its officers is scheduled to come up in April in Newburn.

D'ANNUNZIO AGAIN

Rome, March 6.—Gabriele d'Annunzio has sent a message to Major Giuriati, a member of the Chamber of Deputies and who was d'Annunzio's chief of cabinet, and Deputy Giunta, both now at Fiume, and a Fiume newspaper, declaring his support of the present movement. He says now, as always, he is on the side of the Legionaries and what has been conquered should be held.

STUCK IN ICE OFF CAPE RACE

S. S. Bornholm, from St. John's for Halifax.

Has Coal Enough to Last Eight Days—No Word Yet of Missing Freighter Gronotto—The Matoa Floated.

(Canadian Press) Halifax, N. S., March 6.—The steamer Bornholm, five days out from St. John's, Newfoundland, for Halifax, is stuck fast in slab ice about 70 miles south-south-west of Cape Race, according to a wireless despatch to the naval intelligence here. She has coal on board to last eight days longer.

The message came from the steamer Canadian Sapper via Cape Race. The Sapper worked four hours yesterday afternoon and last evening to reach the Bornholm but was unable to get closer than two miles. She then proceeded for Halifax at slow speed through heavy ice. She gave the Bornholm's position as 46.09 north, longitude 54.10 west.

The Bornholm is operated in the St. John's-Halifax-Boston route. She registers 638 tons net.

Boston, March 6.—What became of the Norwegian freighter Gronotto and crew of about 20 men, was a question that concerned coastwise radio stations today. Three days of broadcasting of wireless inquiries for the steamer that was sinking four days ago had brought only negative answers.

The Gronotto was reported by radio last Thursday to be sinking about 300 miles southeast of Cape Race, her crew without means of escape likely. She and all life boats had been smashed. The foundering freighter had passed word of her plight to the steamer Estonia, fifty-six miles away and that vessel went to her aid, but found no trace of her at the position given.

The Estonia continued on her voyage to New York, and other ships in the waters took up the search without result. The Gronotto was bound from Galveston for Ebbw Vale.

LAW DEAD BEFORE OVERBURNED IDOL

Three Brothers Shot in Chicago Chinatown, One of Them Fatally.

Chicago, March 6.—Three Chinese, one dead and two badly wounded, were found beside an overturned idol in an incense-filled subterranean chamber in the heart of Chinatown last night by the police when they battered their way through these doors to investigate reports of a shooting affray.

The place was known as a gambling rendezvous for Orientals and when the police entered they found a luxuriously furnished and heavily barred room in the basement. The interior had been partly wrecked and the furnishings strewn about.

One of the wounded men gave his name as Joe Lee, and said that the other two were his brothers, Tom and William. He said he was a member of the Hip Sing Tong, but did not know why he and his brothers should be shot. He said they had been playing cards with a fourth man, Joe Wing of Seattle, Washington, when the latter suddenly drew a pistol and began firing. Wing could not be found.

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WRITER OF LETTER DECLARES THAT HE KILLED TAYLOR

Los Angeles, Cal., March 6.—The latest "confession" of the murderer of William Desmond Taylor, film director, received by the police in a letter mailed from an unnamed Connecticut city, was made by a man who described himself as an "avenging husband." It was disclosed yesterday by Captain of Detectives Adams.

Captain Adams declared the handwriting of the "confessor" was similar to that of Edward F. Sands, missing former butler-secretary to Taylor, but said that the text precluded its having been written by Sands, who was not married.

According to the confession, as described by the police, the "confessor" was a husband with whose wife Taylor had had an affair, only to "scorn" her later. Then the husband and wife, he wrote, planned and executed the murder. The name of a Hollywood man, connected with the motion picture industry, was signed, but the police said they were certain that the man had no guilty knowledge of the crime. They said, however, that, despite the fact that a name they believed was not the writer's was signed, they felt inclined to believe the "confessor" had "some definite connection" with the murder.

AIR EXPRESS SERVICE LONDON AND PARIS

London, March 6.—(Canadian Press)—A regular air express service for carrying goods from London to Paris so that parcels despatched after business hours in the English provincial towns will be delivered in the French capital the following morning, will be commenced early next month. The air expresses will be equipped with navigation lights for night flying, which will become a regular operation.